

# CELEBRATE OUR PIONEERS

## Mariano and Salvador Vallejo

(July 4, 1807 - January 18, 1890) - (January 1, 1814- February 18, 1876)

For those who wish to open the local windows of Sonoma and Napa for exploration, the story of the famous brothers Mariano and Salvador Vallejo is learning of Spain's maritime empire on the Pacific Coast, from the Cortez conquest of Mexico, the Acapulco trade to Manila, and the 1769 founding of Alta California province.

In September 1774, a new recruit arrived from Jalisco, Mexico. Ignascio Vincente Ferrer Vallejo. His arrival marked the beginning of a family that served as the pioneer kinship system and population for European settlement and agricultural commerce. Already 26 years of age, Ignascio reached the distant outpost for a military career and seems to have been in no hurry to assume family responsibilities. In 1776, at San Luis Obispo, he chose as his wife Maria Antonia Lugo on the day of her birth and was content to wait until 1790 when she would be of age to marry. He was fortytwo. They established their family of thirteen children at the capital city of Monterey.

Mariano Guadalupe, the eighth child – the most famous of their children – who won prominence as director of colonization. Now remembered as the General, defender of the Northern Frontier, when the Russian-Americans built settlements near Bodega Bay that challenged the security of Spanish Californians. Jose Manuel Salvador Vallejo was born on January 1, 1814, recorded at his baptism. The eleventh child, named after his grandfather Francisco Salvador Lugo, and uncle. He and his wife Maria de la Luz Carrillo are not often known for their contributions as Nappa pioneers.

In 1837, with his brother-in-law Jacob Leese, they bought the 2nd and 3rd lots for the founding of Yerba Buena. Leese arrived from Monterey on the Boston whaling ship, Don Quixote. Next, they built the first wharf for transportation of goods to their ranchos at Sonoma and Napa.



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But the unrecognized fact is how the older sisters married Yankee merchants, expanding the family alliances to support the Vallejo brothers influence as the dominant landowners at Monterey, San Jose, Yerba Buena, Sonoma, Napa and Solano.



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Can you name the flags the Vallejo Family lived under?